

REMARKS

This response is in response to the Office action (Paper No. 10) dated June 25, 2003.

Claims 3-6 and 20-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 21-26 were allowed in the previous Office action. Claims 5 and 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The examiner stated that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the feature of "a shaft connected to said mass body." Claims 27 and 28 have been newly added by this Amendment. No new matter has been made. No new matter has been added.

Claims 20, 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zogg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,845,173).

In Verdegaal Bros., the Court held that "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Here, the examiner argued that "a mass body" in claim 20 is found in the shaft 64 of Zogg '173.

Claim 20 as amended by this amendment recites a shaft connected to the mass

body. This feature is not found in Zogg '173.

Therefore, claim 20 as amended is not anticipated by Zogg '173.


Since claim 20 as amended is patentable, its dependent claims 3-6 and 27 are patentable.

An independent claim 28 is newly added. Claim 28 includes the feature of the mass body made of rubber material. This feature is not found in the references. Accordingly, claim 28 is also patentable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

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